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2005 Board of Directors			Term
Rodger Pederson	Chairman	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Kelvin Bagshaw	Vice, chairman, Director	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Larry Lee	Director, ICDC Rep	LDDA	til 2006 Annual mtg.
BJ Boot	Director	LDDA	til 2007 Annual mtg
Howard Steinley	Director	SWDA	til 2006 Annual mtg
Ron Tittle	Director	SWDA	til 2005 Annual mtg
Don Fox	Director, ICDC rep	SEDA	til 2007 Annual mtg.
Jason Wildeboer	Director	NDA	til 2007 Annual mtg

James Harvey, Rep Provincial Advisory Board, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

As per the bylaw, the directors represent the four development areas of Northern (NDA), South Western (SWDA), South Eastern (SEDA) and Lake Diefenbaker (LDDA).

The Board of Directors is elected by member irrigation project delegates at the annual meeting. Each member Irrigation Project is entitled to send one delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. Three directors are elected from SWDA, four from LDDA, one each from NDA and SEDA

Mandate

The mandate of SIPA is to represent the interests of member districts and if sufficient interest exists, the interest of all irrigators in Saskatchewan.

Values

1) Development of irrigation policy must occur from the producers up to the decision makers

2) To protect our environment through good stewardship of irrigation practices

3) SIPA and its members must partner with government, industry, recreation, wetlands and other who have a stake in our water resources

Goals and Objectives

1. The board will develop a plan to be the advocate for irrigation projects in Saskatchewan, representing and lobbying irrigation concerns on behalf of the association and its members to government and stakeholders and to make SIPA to point of entry for new projects and to assist in their formation

2. The board will develop and implement a strategy to promote the benefits of irrigation.

3. The board will develop a plan to provide direct input to government to assist in setting policies being made by government departments that have an impact on irrigation and to provide options and recommendations for the implementation of those policies.

4. The board will develop a process to assist in the expansion of irrigatable acres.

SASKATCHEWAN IRRIGATION PROJECTS ASSOCIATION (SIPA)

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2005 Activities

- Prepared a brief and presented it to the Hon. Mark Wartman with the following topics:
    a) Power infrastructure
    b) Funding & Irrigation policy
    c) Cooperation - One door shopping
    d) SWA conservation plan
    e) International joint commission

- Met with Minister Wartman's staff
- Held an evening reception for Minister Mark Wartman and staff prior to the July field day at CSIDC – Outlook
- Attended various watershed planning meetings
- Had numerous written communications with Hon. Mark Wartman
- Met with PFRA for a review of the projects in the South West
- Completed documentation for the new corporation which took effect April 1, 2005. Transferred assets to the new corporation
- Met with SWA staff regarding irrigation water rights, licenses, priorization and also discussions on the international joint commission
- James Harvey attended the quarterly meetings of the provincial advisory to SWA. He gave an irrigation industry presentation on behalf of SIPA
- Discussions with federal representatives regarding irrigation policies and funding
- Participated in public conservation plan meetings. Had a meeting with SWA regarding the information presented and submitted a brief to SAF and SWA regarding the conservation plan that is being developed
- Participated in a Water Stewardship Forum hosted by Sask Environment
- Successfully requested Sask Power to abandon the 2005 interim billing since there was virtually no spring irrigation with the wet weather conditions
- Had discussions with the Sask Party on occasion to update them on irrigation developments

2. **The board will develop and implement a strategy to promote the benefits of irrigation.**

2005 Activities

- Promoted and participated in the 2005 Irrigation Alley at Crop production Show in Saskatoon. Then met with the Crop Production Show management to evaluate the show and agreed to participate in Irrigation Alley in 2006
- Continued working on an irrigation video
- Participated in trade shows and field days promoting the industry
- Worked with ICDC to develop the new website, www.irigationsaskatchewan.com
- Ongoing contacts to update media personnel
- Two SIPA board members attended ICDC board meetings and one member attended CSIDC executive management meetings
- Made application for the trade show at SUMA and SARM annual conferences
- Had a CARDS application approved on development of education material
- Met with organizers of the Farm Progress Show regarding promotion of irrigation
- Submitted application for a Summer Student – we qualified but the funding ran out
- CSWSEP application approved for an interactive education/promotion center including model pivot and video
- CSWSEP application approved for development of a new website
- CSWSEP application pending approval on the economic benefits of Irrigation in Saskatchewan
- Developed new promotional and educational materials – this is ongoing
- Interviews and workshop with the promoters of the ACTION SASKATCHEWAN GATHERING, Saskatoon in October
- Prepared and sent an irrigation information package and SIPA history to Agriculture Engineering, U of S

3. **The board will develop a plan to provide direct input to government to assist in setting policies being made by government departments that have an impact on irrigation and to provide options and recommendations for the implementation of those policies.**

2005 Activities

- Met with ADD board representative regarding a joint submission made on water efficiencies and the funding qualifications under the Farm Environmental Plan to include changing pumps to accommodate low pressure systems
- Participated in discussion with Saskatchewan Agrivision and participated in a meeting regarding the organization of the water conference in North Battleford
- Joint ICDC/SIPA Board meeting to discuss each organizations mandates and common objectives

- Board members participated in the trial timothy crop insurance coverage
- Participated in a meeting with Canada Agriculture and Food regarding their research initiatives
- Attended AIPA annual conference in Calgary

4. **The board will develop a process to assist in the expansion of irrigatable acres.**

2005 Activities

- Becoming an Irrigator (Brochure)
- CSWSEP application pending approval
    a) Infill
    b) Irrigation development in South West Saskatchewan
    c) Irrigation Potential in Saskatchewan

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Auditor's Report

To the Members
Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association Inc.

I have examined the statement of financial position of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association Inc. as at March 31, 2005 and the statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Associations' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the standard that requires I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. I have performed such tests as I deemed necessary to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Association derives the majority of its revenue on a voluntary basis, which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my audit was limited to verification of revenue recorded in the records of the Association.

In my opinion, except for the limitations outlined in the previous paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Wanda Langer

Riverhurst, Saskatchewan
November, 2005

Wanda Langer, Accountant

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the period ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Income		
Membership fees - full (note 3)	30,555	15,094
Membership fees - associate (note 3)	1,034	400
Annual conference - registration	3,032	2,792
Annual conference - sponsors	7,625	2,152
Annual conference - display	750	1,155
Fund Raising	0	465
	42,996	22,058
Expenses		
Advertising	641	321
Administration	6,221	3,122
Administration - phone	821	729
Bad Debts	0	75
Annual Conference	3,447	3,322
Consulting	1,947	0
Fund Raising	0	458
Interest & Bank Charges	70	70
Meeting - mileage	7,335	2,355
Meeting - per diems	8,640	4,455
Meeting - expenditures	2,941	353
Office Supplies & Postage	124	16
Promotion & educational material	8,115	0
	40,302	15,276
Surplus for the period	2,694	6,782
Surplus, beginning of period	10,742	3,960
Surplus, end of year	13,435	10,742

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Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2005

ASSETS

	2005	2004
Current Assets		
Cash	21,503	21,059
Accounts receivable	0	685
	21,503	21,744

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	4,067	7,002
Current portion of long term liabilities	4,000	4,000
	8,067	11,002
Surplus	13,435	10,742
	21,502	21,744

Directors: _____

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Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2005

1. Purpose

Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association (SIPA) became a reality in 1996 with the passing of the *Irrigation Act, 1996*. SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development, program implementation, research and demonstration prioritization, economic development initiatives, and public relations to promote and foster irrigation development in our province. We are to provide a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

2. Corporate Structure

Effective March 31, 2005 with the changes to the Irrigation Act, 1996, SIPA will be removed from the Act. Therefore, at the 2004 annual meeting, a resolution was passed to transfer all assets to a new non-profit corporation effective April 1, 2005.

3. Membership

Membership is open to all irrigators in the province, either as districts or individuals and entities in the business of serving irrigators.

a) Full membership, according to the bylaws, is restricted to all irrigators as defined in the Irrigation Act, 1996. Each member Irrigation District is entitled to one voting delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. With the revisions made to the Irrigation Act, 1996, private irrigator members are entitled to one voting delegate per 5000 acres in a development area.

b) Associated memberships shall be granted at the discretion of the Board to private corporations who have an interest in irrigation activities and other third parties who wish to participate in SIPA. They may take part in all discussion and be made aware of all activities, but they do not have voting rights.

4. Agreements

1. The Board of Directors have agreed to appoint two directors to the board of the Irrigation Crop Diversification's Corporation of which one of these directors shall sit on the executive management committee of the Canada - Saskatchewan Crop Diversification Center.

2. At year end, SIPA had entered into agreements under CSWSEP for funding for the development of promotional materials. Since yearend, we have signed an agreement to develop a new provincial irrigation website.

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4. ICDC Commitment

Included in grants and donations in 1998 was a grant of $20,000 from Sask Water Corporation of which a minimum of $5,000 shall be spent by SIPA on promoting irrigation in Saskatchewan through an effective communication strategy. We have made an agreement with ICDC for $6,000 over three years to jointly fund an irrigation website that will be the gateway to irrigation in Saskatchewan and we will continue with our news releases and other promotional activities as deemed necessary. Annual payments of $2,000 will be made as ICDC progresses on the project.

5. Previous Years Figures

Some of the previous year's figures have been reclassified to compare to current year's figures.